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BAD FOR FRUIT
 Reports from all sections of the United States indicate that the fruit crop has suffered terribly from April cold snaps. Many states in the middle west report that not a bud has been left, while the south has been hit hard on account of the season being so far advanced when the chill came. Possibly the result will not be as black as now predicted, but whether it is or not, we will be justified in giving more than the usual attention to our gardens, the next best thing to tide them over the winter when the fruit crop is a failure. More work and more care in raising and canning vegetables will help offset the shortage of fruit. And those who are fortunate enough to have some of the latter will do well to remember that this season, especially, it will be very unwise to let even the smallest measure of fruit go to waste.

PREVENTING ACCIDENTS
 Parents can do a good deal to prevent serious accidents if they will see to it personally that their children do not play in the street, and that they are taught to be careful and to keep their ears open when walking along the roads. Too many children have a habit of dodging across the street or road in front of an oncoming auto, believing they can judge the distance and speed of the machine. Others try to be "smart" by dodging first one way and then the other, to confuse the driver, and more than one accident has been the result of this. Teach your children that there is danger in an auto, no matter how careful the driver may be and no matter how closely they watch. It is always the unexpected that happens, and your own little boy or girl may be the next one killed or seriously crippled. We are going to have auto accidents, that is sure. But let us use a little precaution and by warning our children see if we cannot avoid having any here.

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 The value of a newspaper is measurable in terms of respect and confidence—the respect of those who depend on it for news and comment, and the confidence of those who use it as a carrier of their business messages. Always it mirrors the life of the people who sustain it, and in return for cleanliness and fearlessness it receives in full measure the support and respect of the people into whose home it goes. This paper has earned the public trust which it enjoys by being the newspaper that it is. Because its character and reliability have made it valuable to its readers it is valuable to its advertising patrons. These advertisers know their messages take on added force from the medium through which they speak. Because its foundations are imbedded deep in life, the character, the mind and the prosperity of this community discover their true reflection in its pages.

THE GOLDEN RULE
 Secretary of Labor Davis is new on the job, but he appears to have some pretty good ideas. He made a speech in Chicago recently and declared that a fair living wage for labor, a fair deal for capital, larger profits for farmers through lower shipping rates and settlement of all threatened strikes by the aid of the golden rule is the hope of the people of this nation.
 He asks for nothing impossible. It is fair to ask labor to help the farmer to get proper transportation so he can get a fair return for his product and effort, but he warns labor that it must be content to meet capital at the half-way point. He argues that each of us is so dependent on the other fellow that he cannot ignore conditions nor, so long as things are going smoothly with us, close our eyes to that part of our country in which the traveling is rough.
 Within the next few weeks the secretary is apt to be called on to settle some bad labor tangles. No matter where they occur, they are bound to affect us all. Any strike of great proportions would be felt here in some form or another, and usually in the increased cost of something we are forced to have. So it will be interesting for us to sit steady in the boat and watch the outcome of the secretary's plan to use the good old golden rule in our industrial life.

VERMONT AVENUE
 One of the live subjects in this district, and which is paramount in the minds of the members of the Fourth district Chamber of Commerce, is Vermont avenue and its possibility of being put through. It was the principal topic under discussion at the last meeting of the Fourth district chambers held in San Pedro this month, and will come up again at the May meeting to be held in Redondo Beach on the twelfth.

Interesting data was submitted at the San Pedro meeting on Vermont from San Pedro and to Point Fermin.
 Major Griffin, City Engineer of Los Angeles, was present with plans of several surveys through San Pedro, and also explaining very thoroughly how they could be accomplished; the advantages and disadvantages of each survey. Finishing his full explanations, Major Griffin said that it was not within his power to do these things, but San Pedro to decide what they wished to have done and to submit their decision to the Los Angeles City Council for approval. He pledged his support to their decision.
 Several speeches were made by residents of San Pedro on this subject. Captain Hansen pointed out the great advantages to be derived from this highway as a military highway as well as for all classes of transportation.

There were several members of the Keystone tract present, and Mr. Geo. A. Proctor brought up the question of the opening of Carson street through the Harbor Boulevard to give these good residents of the Keystone tract an outlet. This project was endorsed by the Fourth District Chambers of Commerce.

Several members and prospective members of the Los Angeles City Council were present and were called upon to say a few words, which they did, each pledging his support, if elected, to the completion of Vermont avenue and the development of Los Angeles Harbor. Those that were not familiar with the harbor district became very much interested in the possibilities afforded there, and said they would make it their business to get better acquainted with the harbor and help to make it one of the biggest, finest, most accessible man-made harbors in the world.

The next meeting of the Fourth District Chamber of Commerce will be held at Redondo on Thursday, May 12th.

Everyone is urged to attend this meeting and learn about the good work that is being done by this organization. You will meet some of the most influential men in Southern California and learn what interest they are taking in the building of highways through Southern California. Spread out and see what others are doing and will do to help us. Co-operation means a greater Torrance.

MICKIE SAYS

OH Golly, if there's one thing that really gives me all peevish up, it's 'th double-piped tightwad who reads every line in every issue of this here newspaper but don't never pay us a cent for 'th privilege—wahn should you pay for this paper, to lend it to somebody who's too cheap to subscribe?



ORGANIZE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The American-La France Fire Engine Company have agreed to send a man down from Los Angeles to organize a Lomita Volunteer Fire Department. The exact date has not been decided, but will be in the near future.

TRIP UP NORTH

G. W. Towne and Bert Reiff returned Sunday evening from a four-day's trip to Merced and other interior cities. A general survey of the country was made and some exceptional land values of farm land were noted.

HIGH LIGHTS

President Blum of Uruguay said, "I want to see my country a small edition of the United States."

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